

*Counties across Colorado working to provide a unified, nonpartisan and independent voice at the statehouse.*

It is imperative the Colorado General Assembly hear directly from local leaders who interface daily within their communities and have the pulse of what is needed to promote a strong quality of life for Colorado citizens.

Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) is a group of counties and individual commissioners across Colorado working to provide a **unified, nonpartisan and independent voice** at the statehouse.

### **ADDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOICE**

CCAT provides ***an additional voice for county and local government*** interests in statewide policy debates - working alongside and adding to the chorus of strong local government interests active at the statehouse. This confirms a consistent voice at the capitol to ensure thorough understanding of the scope and the needs of local issues.

- Advocated alongside common partners to secure additional county representation on key committee addressing critical child welfare services in counties.

### **REPRESENTING A DIVERSITY OF REGIONS**

CCAT strives to ensure that a diversity of perspectives is informing the debate— ***urban/rural; western slope/front range; large and small communities*** – are represented when CCAT takes a position on the issues facing Colorado communities.

- Led efforts to secure policy reforms to create access to affordable and quality health care across the state for all communities.

### **FOCUSING ON MOST PRESSING ISSUES FACING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

CCAT's agenda is ***intentional and focused on policy issues*** that are high profile and complicated - extending beyond operational considerations of counties as an entity, and into the issues that most impact county citizens such as affordable housing, health care, human services, and transportation.

- CCAT led a collaborative effort with other local government groups to convene a transportation summit with Governor Polis, CDOT Director Shoshana Lew and the sponsors of the 2021 legislation. The goal was to elevate local government voice in the debate on the bill and convey support for higher level of revenue and increased emphasis on multimodal projects.

### **COLLABORATION, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMITMENT TO A COMMON STATEWIDE PURPOSE**

CCAT is a ***consensus driven organization***, which ***works to find common ground*** between counties on pressing issues. This consensus driven approach is unique and promotes commonality and support for policies that benefit the entire state, versus strictly regional advances.

- Led a 2018 stakeholder conversation seeking real solutions for the statewide affordable/workforce housing crisis. This resulted in 2019 passage of historic funding for statewide housing projects and a new Strategic Housing Working Group within the Division of Housing.

### **PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT TO MEMBERS - *Equipping Counties and Commissioners with Advocacy Tools***

CCAT is staffed by a professional Executive Manager and contract lobby team with access to legislative leadership and the Administration. This team provides direct support to commissioners, enabling them to act and galvanize efforts to advance and/or defend policy goals.

The qualities list above, along with CCAT's guiding principles and decision-making process, provide the organization and its membership the unique ability to be nimble and act quickly and decisively. CCAT's ability to engage on key policy issues and discussions at a moment's notice ensures the voice of county interests are represented in the dynamic, ever changing, and fast paced work at the General Assembly.



## CCAT'S 2021 PRIORITIES

- New Source of Statewide Transportation Funding
- Affordable Physical and Mental Health Care
- COVID-19 Response & Support
- Continued Affordable Housing Funding and Policy
- Wildfire Mitigation, Response and Recovery Funding & Policy

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